THE DEMOCRAT

THE ONLY POPULIST PAPER IN COLLIN COUNTY.

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J. M. WILCOX & SON have resumed business and are now Heavily Stocked with a large assortment of LONG LEAF PINE LUMBER and are prepared to furnish their customers with Lumber of the best quality at reasonable prices.

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CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Concerning People and Home Events of Interest to All.

Dr. W. J. Thurman of Dallas was in this city Thursday.

Miss Pauline Hughes has returned from a pleasant visit to Denton.

Mrs. Duer visited in Dallas last week.

Constable Beverly of Plano was in this city on legal business last week.

W. P. Suttle is hunting in Henderson county.

Hon. John Church went to San Antonio last week on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray returned from Denton county last week.

Mr. I. D. Fowler's handsome cottage in Fairfield is completed.

Miss Ellie Hynds has returned to Madisonville, Ind.

The young men of the city will give a ball to-morrow night at the opera house.

J. L. Greer announces that he does not desire to go to the legislature next term.

Miss Cora Cox of Anna, who is visiting her sister, Miss Blanche Cox, in this city, has returned home.

Col. R. W. Pittman, Special Deputy Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor was in the city the latter part of last week.

H. E. Singleton of Lebanon exhibited fifty-three hogs at the Dallas fair and sold thirty-six.

Mrs. Ben Johnson returned home Sunday from an extended visit to relatives in Dallas.

The sidewalk leading north from the Methodist church on the right hand side of the street is in a miserable condition.

W. N. Bush has purchased J. C. Moore's home farm a few miles southwest of this city. The farm contained 160 acres and consideration $4800.

Dr. C. J. Flinn of this city and Miss Sallie McCrary of Pine Bluff, Arkansas were married at the latter place Tuesday, the 7th inst.

There should be an ordinance enacted compelling all gates to be hung so they will not swing out and thus obstruct sidewalks.

Miss Emma Bennett from near Hackberry community visited the family of G. C. Thompson last Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Stimpson's dairy delivery-man skipped out one night last week leaving his employer in the lurch for $18, besides several other creditors to mourn his skipping.

Mrs. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Sam, have returned from Ennis where they visited a son and brother for a few days.

J. M. Forbes who recently moved from Bethany, this county, to Grayson county, passed through this city Thursday on his way to visit his son, E. C. Forbes, of Plano, whose wife is in very poor health.

There is a crossing in bad shape in North McKinney, just north of Mr. B. H. Oates, which has been in such condition for nearly one year. If it is not fixed there is a chance for a damage suit some day against the city.

Andy Holmes, colored, gave bond Saturday for assault and battery. Andy flew in a passion at another darkey, assaulted and battered him over the head with a fence picket, breaking the picket into divers pieces.

From Bowlby.

Bowlby, Tex., Jan. 7, 1896.

I think the recent rain will prove beneficial to the wheat crop.

The farmers are beginning to prepare for another crop.

Willie Davis has purchased the Charley Gray land from J. C. Williams.

The thing the boys want to know the worst is, where is the next social to be given?

Wm. Rntherford went last week to Coryell county to see his son, George Rutherford.

Mr. Alfred Roberts and Miss Margaret Blackwell were married Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m., at the home of the bride's parents.

S. A. Crutcher left last Wednesday to visit his son, S. O. Crutcher, of Alvarado, Tex.

A number of our young people attended the Vineland literary Friday night.

Albert Duncan, from the Indian Territory, has returned home after a two weeks stay with relatives and friends.

Quite a number of young people attended the candy drawing at Jim Hickey's on last Wednesday night.

Miss Ella Mathews, of Bethany is visiting her brother, Will Mathews.

Misses Ida Otenhouse and Hattie Blackwell spent last Friday night with Miss Minnie Johnson.

Miss Eva Hartin was the guest of Miss Lena Hickey last Wednesday.

Billie Pingleton and family with Miss Suse Shelton spent Sunday with Henry Snider's family.

CENTRAL.

Priceton Pick-Ups.

Another Batch of Spicy Locals--New School House--Increased Acreage of Cotton--Romantic Wedding.

Princeton Tex., Jan. 12, 1895.

The school house at Heardland is completed and Miss Gradie Bogan, of McKinney, will begin teaching Monday Jan. 12.

To the casual observer it appears that the intention of a majority of the farmers in this community is to increase the acreage of cotton this year. Diversity of crops will insure greater prosperity.

Misses Clara Gearheart and Nellie Dugger left Sunday morning for Denton county, where they will remain several weeks visiting relatives

Mr. Henry Dry and Miss Maggie Treece were married Sunday Jan. 5., by Rev. Joel Lewis, at the residence of Mr. D. C. Efird, two miles west of Princeton. The tying of the hymenial knot in this instance borders on the romantic and was the culmination of several weeks deep anxiety on the part of the young people and caused a good deal of cunning planning. Some five weeks ago Mr. Dry procured license and proceeded to the ladies home, asking the father for her hand, whereupon he was promptly, emphatically and angrily refused. With a quick glance he understood that it would be wiser and safer to depart for the present and change his dwelling place so he disappeared from the community, but only to return at a time when the unwary father was least suspecting. The young lady left home Sunday morning, ostensibly to visit her aunt, Mrs. Efird, arriving just as the minister and her lover did. Entering the house the few words that united them for weal or for woe were hurriedly spoken and before the family scarcely had time to realize what had happened. They were then rapidly driven to Princeton where they took the east bound train for Black Jack Grove, their future home. The father is very wroth, but we look for him to relent (and repent) and bestow a blessing.

Mr. E. C. Barnett and Mrs. Carrie Kelly returned Monday from Alabama.

J. F. Smith was summoned Tuesday by telegram to the bedside of his sister who lives in Robertson county, and is dangerously ill.

T. F. Kelly and family have returned from Bonham.

The literary society met Friday night and a lengthy and interesting program was rendered.

John Doyle spent Saturday and Sunday in McKinney.

HPESOJ.

YOUR ATTENTION!

Texas State Swine Breeders Ass'n. January 21, 1896, at Waco. Texas.

The McLennan county Swine Breeders' association hereby extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the Texas state Swine Breeders' association at Waco, Texas, January 21, 1896, for which an interesting program has been arranged.

Railroad rates: A special rate of one and one-third fare has been secured over all railroads in Texas to Waco, Texas, and return, for all persons who attend this meeting. Let each person buying railroad ticket for this meeting take receipt of local agent at point of purchase for full fare paid to Waco, Texas, to attend this meeting, which receipt, upon the endorsement of the secretary of the association, and of W. E. Owens, local railroad agent at Waco, Texas, will entitle holder to purchase return ticket for one-third fare.

Hotel rates: Special hotel rates at Waco, Texas, have been secured by the local committee of arrangments, of which Col. A. Symes of Waco, Texas, is chairman, and this committee will meet all delegates at the train and assign them to their hotels.

A most interesting, profitable and largely attended meeting is anticipated, from the great number of letters received from every portion of the state. Let no stockman or breeder miss this state meeting.

SETH P. MILES, President,
C. J. DANIEL, Secretary,
of McLennan County Swine Breeders Association.

EX-GOVERNOR GIBBS TALKS.

After The Old Party--Populists Cannot be Worse and Should be Given the benefit of the Doubt.

In a recent inter-view in the Dallas, News. ex-Lieut. Gov. Barney Gibbs a hither-to stalwart democrat has the following to say: "It used to be that a democratic platform was no longer than the ten commandments and as easy of comprehension. Now it takes R. Q. Mills and Horace Chilton two hours each to tell a crowd what it is, and when they get through talking the oldest democrats are as badly mixed as if they had been alternating between beer and red liquor. Mills says that gold with just a little Silver mixed in makes democracy. Chilton says that Mills is wrong; that demodracy consists of an allopathic instead of a homeopathic dose of silver. Which is the right prescription for democrats? They differ on the size of the dose. Which will kill or cure? When it comes to the tariff Cleveland and Mills think that it is democratic for the men, women and children who herd sheep and round-up cattle to do this in the teeth of the norther and the Competition of the world, but that it is also democratic for corporations who manufacture woolen goods and shoes in big brick buildings to have 50 per cent protection.

Old Bill Morrison of the old line democrats was retired to a soft job on the interstate commerce comission because he thought the tariff ought to be on o strictly revenue basis, and while it was getting there that all should have the same amount of protection. He did not believe that the sheep and cattle industries of the south and west, pursued by individuals for a livelihood, should be laid out to hold the campaign fund and votes of eastern corporations. They killed old Morrison, and the fact that he was choked to death on soft official butter doesn't fool a man at the forks of the creek.

We know that republicanism stands for protective tariff and extravagant appropriations every day in the week and Sunday, too. We know that it stands for big pensions to the rich, when Texas, looking to the condition of those who had to pay pensions to its grand veterans, provided, that where one of these heroes was worth more than $1000 that he should draw no penison, and those grand veterans left out from reasons of justice and equity never complained. When the democrats had congress they never had the nerve to pass such an amendment to the pension law of the United States. but left the country to pay more than one-half of the immense pension list to men and women of wealth. Under the tariff system the poor people pay the most of this pension money. The democrats did not tackle this and other manifest abuses of government, because they wanted to win with eastern votes and get appointments to foreign missions and other fat offices. In their anxiety to get and hold office they have made platforms and congressional records that look as bad and contradictory as some old woman's crazy quilt made of rags just as they come to hand. Free perfumery and taxed wool hats is a more ludicrous political sight and smells worse to an educated political nose than the oft-ridiculed populist pumpkin in the government subtreasury. A man wanting office may swallow ad nauseam all this hybrid tariff and financial polyparous just as a child will take sheep snaffle tea when he has the bellyache. The democracy now dished out by the leaders has as many ingredients as Rio Grande hash, but the smell of official garlic is the only distinctive quality, whether it is Hogg or Clark hash, or Cleveland and Mills hash. The receipt for making this hash is so complicate that even our governor understands it one way the day before and another way the day after. The uncertainly of what constitutes Simon pure democratic hash has turned the political stomachs of even Kentucky and Texas democrats.

"The result of all this democratic and republican strife for office is that we have had class legislation and special favors and political indulgences until the people are eat up by the office-holding protected and pensioned classes. They are issuing bonds and devising new system of tax levy and collection and trying to create money out of everything, instead of trying to reduce taxation and expenses and the too tempting official salaries. The national state and county governments are on too high a horse, but their dignity won't permit them to ride a smaller one. When the people kick they give them a war commission, a railroad commission or an agricultural commisioner to spend more money and inquire of somebody else living on government money what is the trouble with the mudsill fellows, who are not on a government horse, but walking. The mudsill people have gotten afraid to complain for fear they will have some more expensive commissions or special committees to use up the contingent funds which have to be filled up again by taxation. It takes a mule to pull a copy of the United States statutes, and two mules to pull a copy of the state statutes, and still they are adding to them and every page creates more officials. Increased taxes and floating warrants don't breed democrats.

"When the people begin to kick against so much officialism, so much taxation, the democratic and republican leaders begin to talk about war so as to have an excuse to levy more taxes, spend more money and create more offices. Lead put in the right place will quiet these tax producers.

"We can get money to build war ships to float around the world and fire salutes and to pay big pensions to the already rich, but when it comes to doing something practical for the benefit of the masses we are, as the Chinaman says: 'Allee timee busted.'

"The canalization of the Trinity river at a cost of $1,000,000 would save to the producers of Texas about $2.50 per bale on their cotton freights, but our representatives won't demand it, either because it will scare eastern democrats or won't appear economical. If Texas is safely democratic what is the use of giving them relief? If we Canalize the Trinity river it will save the producers several millions every year, but it will make the holders of railroad stocks and bonds in the east mad, and they won't put up any democrat campaign fund. Instead of canalizing the Trinity they will build a war ship at a cost of $2,000,000 and call her Texas and let Texas girls baptize her, and this won't hurt or offend the railroads and will quiet the 'mud sillers,' who vote the ticket although the ship won't float. This is the game that the democratic and republican leaders give the people, and then tell us that this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people—but which people?

We can build a $4,000,000 park in the middle of the potomac river, for the official class to play hide and seek in, but we can not get any tax money to facilitate the commerce of the state. Oh, yes, this is a government of the people, but of the people controlling the democratic and republican rings. There is not a repreative in congress from Texas but what feels that all he needs to do is talk tariff and silver and cuss the republicans and ridicule populists to get a nomination by a convention and then be elected. As long as it is this way Texas will be in the soup.

"In return for all the racket we have raised at the forks of the creek the state administrstion has given us a railroad commission without power to act. Higher taxes and more officials. Even the national government and monarchies limit the amount of fees an official can pocket during a term of office, but this people's democratic administration fixes no limit, and when the people talk about reforming this abuse, the leaders begin to talk tariff or silver or hunt some popular individual to put in office. In many counties the excess of fees over $2500 per annum to each officer would put the roads in good order, but the Texas democracy is afraid to reform this system, for fear it will lose ward organizers of voters, so authorize an increase of taxes. In Kentucky the leaders thought that fool democrats could be depended on to vote the ticket forever, now where are they? What has happened in Kentucky will happen in Texas, for the people are politically weary. They feel like killing snakes at home instead of South America. The next democratic primaries in Texas will be slimly attended, for thousands of democrats without changing their principles, believe that the party can never, as now lead, be depended on for reform, and know that it is a political impossibity to reorganize a political party in power with the political patronage and election machinery in its hands. Democratic votes beat the party in Kentucky and will defeat it in Texas.

"There are enough democrats and republicans in Texas who hold Texas prosperity and genuine reform of more worth than party fealty, to defeat with their votes any ticket put up, and for the good of the state without yielding any convictions. They can flock together one day and a gue with one another the next. Populists could not give us anything worse than the official fee system, and the ornamental railroad commission in state politics; and in national politics no more extravagance and demoralization and unequal taxation than the last democratic and republican congresses gave. In congress they could demand in behalf of the people of Texas fair treatment in a tariff bill or an appropriation bill. They could be earnest if not eloquent, honest if not polished, and preach and vote against the autocratic tendencies of democratic and republican congressman. They might reduce expenses to a basis where the money in circulation would abide more in the pockets of the people than in the government treasury or official pocketbooks. They might cause the people to find out that just as efficient officers could be obtained at one-half the present salaries, just as in the best and most honest days of the republic. They might teach the official class that being a democrat or republican does not give them a cinch on official holding. They might teach the world that the mud-sillers of America make just as good officeholders as beasts of burden. They might prove to the world that republican governments can reform themselves, and that democratic institutions can live beyond the ususal age of corroding corruption. It might teach us that there is enough political vigor and independence always inherent in the people to make the formation of political rings dangerous to political safety. If they learned us this much, we can stand any mistakes in financial theories; which after all would not cost as much as quasi war proclamations and do-nothing congressional sessions. Political opiates have ceased to lull the masses to sleep, and there has got to be a political upheaval before there is any reform or check to the arrogance of party power. If the mud-sillers of our political organism are ignorant, tney may compensate us for their ignorance by their economy and honesty, just as old Andrew Jackson did. If he makes a good tax-producer in time of peace, and a good soldier in time of war, why not a good officer holder? It is not as brutal or expensive to us for him to murder the queen's English as the queen's subjects. He may have sense enough to run the government mill for a fair and equal toll and return to the pay as you go policy. He may not have a university education, and yet know more than the financier who killed the goose that laid the golden egg. No matter how uncouth the mud-siller may appear, when he gets behind the pie counter with the official apron on, he will be transmografted into a thing of wisdom and beauty, and handle the official baton and draw the official salary with a grace of a Sir Miles Crowley or a Sir Roger. If he can't shoot ducks on the Chesapeake bay, he can go over on the Virginia side and make coons and opossums think the world was at war. If he gave us much trouble as a living congressman he would at least compensate us when he died by an economical funeral, as Peffer says that any good populist will be satisfied with one government paid mourner. The shrewd yankee congressman could get away with no more of the populist's wool and hide than he has of the democratic wool and hide. If he did not prove himself a good performer and breeder we could turn him out on the commons and try a new breed, for after all government is an experiment. Why not give the populists or mud-siller the benefit of the doubt, for we do this much for the criminal? If he can raise any more political hell, or make times any harder, or be bossed any more by corporations, than the democrats and republicans of to-day, it will be because he gets up earlier and puts in more time at it. It will require great wisdom for him to get up a more Dolly Varden tariff or financial system.

'Some of these one-gallused fellows in the cross timbers know as much about what constitutes good government as some of these political dudes who pose as statesmen and teachers of democracy, and get on both sides of silver and the railroad and every other political question, and expect democrats to make jumping-jacks of themselves in trying to follow them.

"When the democratic party is defeated it will be reorganized on a basis of honest, economical, equal government."-Dallas News.

A Word From Gibbs.

In reply to critics Hon. Barnett Gibbs will only say: "When the people get ready to reform manifest abuses they always find a channel. The day has passed when it is considered treason to change a vote. In Texas the independent element will find a way to cast an effective vote of "want of confidence in the present democratic administration." They will get together and go out after all the offices, as they don't belong to a democratic syndicate, but to the people, and those who hold them have learned to realize this. The men who are elected to office will go in pledged to help reform the official fee system and reduce the salaries where they are too high. They realize that the men who hold the offices and get the public printing and government favors, are opposed to any change and compose the fighting strength of the party in power. The independent element, democrats, republicans and populists, will find a suitable man for every place and a way to concentrate their votes on the ticket. There are business men, school teachers, farmers, professional men and mechanics all over Texas with qualifications for office. even though they are not candidates. They will be selected and elected wherever a change is advisible in the opinion of the independent element. The fight will be aggressive and to win.

The U. S. Gov't Reports
show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

No one ever thought of introducing so expensive a feature as lithographic color work in the days when the leading magazines sold for $4.00 a year and 35 cents a copy. But times change and the magazines change with them. It has remained for The Cosmopolitan, sold at one dollar a year, to put in an extensive lithographic plant capable of printing 320,000 pages per day (one color) The January issue presents as a frontispiece a water-collor drawing by Eric Pape, illustrating the last story by Robert Louis Stevenson? which has probably never been excelled even in the pages of the finest dollar French periodicals. The cover of The Cosmopolitan is also changed, a drawing of page length by the famous Paris artist Rossi, in lithographic colors on white paper takes the place of the manilla back with its red stripe. Hereafter the cover is to be a fresh suprise each month.

In Wise county, Va., Wm. Wells and Gus Osborn fought a hand-to-hand fight with knives with James Cox and Henry Williams over two women Saturday. The fight lasted thirty minutes, when Wells and Osborn fell dead and Cox mortally wounded. Williams not hurt.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Bryan Writes an Open Letter to Tillman.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 10.—Hon. W. J. Bryan to-night addressed an open letter to Hon. Ben F. Tillman and other free silver democrats urging them to combine with the populists and offer to over ride the president's veto on the tariff revision with the republicans, provided in return that the free silver rider be attached or some legislation favorable to the white metal be effected. It is a lengthy letter and makes some unique suggestions.

Character vs Reputation.

Northern explorers look upon an iceberg lifting its glittering peak high above the sea upon which it floats. To all appearances it is as stable as a rock-ribbed mountain. But it is two-thirds submerged, and down in the depths, warmer than the air, the gulf stream is at work upon its base. Suddenly undermined by the tepid current, it topples over and sinks in the sea. It is often so with reputation when disintegrating influences are at work upon the foundations of character. The shining summit is held in high esteem, but suddenly, admiration turns into dismay, when the base, honeycombed by secret sins, fails to support and all crumbles and disappears that seemed so brilliant and lasting. The swift descent of so many to the oblivion of shame, is the product of unseen faults long at work to produce the sudden and surprising ruin. When character is lost, reputation will soon be wrecked. Be what you seem. —Ram's Horn.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

California State Democratic Platform of 1894.

Whereas the extension of the time for the payment of the Pacific railroad debts by the so called Reily funding bill, or any other bill having a similar object, would entail upon the people of this state the principle burden of discharging said debts, and result only in conferring additional benefit upon the private ownership of railroads, and

Whereas the experience of the past has demonstrated the inability or disinclination of said roads discharge their just obligations, and

Whereas, every principle of justice and expediency demands that the mortgage bonds of said roads should be paid or foreclosed at maturity, therefore

Resolved, that each and every one of our nominees for congress shall, immediately after his nomination, subscribe to and deposit with the chairman of the state central committee, a written pledge in the following words: "If elected to congress I will oppose any attempt and vote against any bill to extend the time for payment to the government of the Pacific railroad debts; and I will vote for a measure to foreclosure at maturity the lien of the government on these roads, and to have them bid in by the government, and maintained as public highways for the benefit and in the interest of the people, and to enforce against the stockholders of said roads the collection of any judgment for deficiency that may result upon said foreclosure, and I will favor and vote for all legislation necessary to effect these ends."

PINEOLA COUGH BALSAM.

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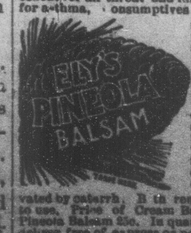

DE[illegible]ney, Texas

MUM'S THE WORD.

Tom Reed, McKinley, Allison,
Quay, Morton, Cullom, Platte,
Depew, and even Harrison,
Don't know where they are at.
They're great on reciprocity,
On tariff they are some;
But when it comes to currency
They every one are mum.

You ask them how they stand on bonds,
They never say a word.
On greenbacks their opinions
Have not, as yet, been heard.
They'll give you quick to understand
they are for fee-faw-fum;
But broach to them free silver and
They everyone are mum.

These statesmen are their party's pride
renowned for eloquence,
They even look quite dignified
Astraddle of the fence.
When going for a democrat
They make the welkin hum;
But gold? Each fellow dodges that,
They every one are mum.

Each one of them has tender dreams,
Hopes bursting into bloom;
The White House through his vision
gleams;
They each have got a boom.
They're shy of ground they do not
know.
'Tis fear that strikes them dumb;
Ambition makes them cowards, so
They every one are mum.

"Silence is golden"—'tis a saw
We often have been told;
"Silence is golden"—maybe now
THIS silence is of gold.
When once they've surely gained the
day
and picked the longed-for plum,
They may have something more to say,
Though now they are so mum.

Tom Reed, McKinley, Allison,
Quay, Morton, Cullum, Platte,
Depew, and even Harrison,
Don't know where they are at.
On old and time-worn platitudes
They talk like [illegible]
When a live issue once intrudes,
They every one are mum.

—J. A. EDGERTON.

From The New York World Almanac 1896.

In the lower house there are 444 republicans, 105 democrats and 7 populists.

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The populist vote in 1892 in the state of Colorado was 11,783. In 1894 it was 18,761.

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The present Colorado legislature stands thus: Senate; republicans, 16; populists, 18; democrats, 1. House; republicans, 41; populists, 24. Joint ballot; republicans, 57; democrats, 1; populists 42.

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The total vote for governor in Kansas in 1894 was 272,502. In 1895 for chief justice there were 167,160 votes cast. Thus there was a falling off of 105,342 votes. In this election the populist had no candidate in the field, however, the populists carried one-half the counties for local candidates in 1895.

PENSION ITEMS.

Number of pensions of the civil war up to June 30, 1895, 970,524.

War of 1812 there are 21 men and 3826 widows.

War with Mexico, 12,586 men, 7868 widows.

Indian war: men 3012, widows 3911.

World Almanac Subscribers.

The following named gentlemen have subscribed for the New York World Almanac for 1896:

J E Cogburn	C W Noyes
D Orendorff	J A Walden
A P Carter	Ed Keen
T B Wilson	Clint Thompson
T A Coleman	J P Dowell
Smith Bros	A A Wolcott
J P A Wallace	J M Pearson
J G Fitzhugh	Tom Andrews
J L Todd	J L Todd
Sam Morton	Meyer Smith
J L Franklin	J S Bristol
Yancy Powell	J C Cook
Frank Wilcox	W J Adams
J H Sneed	Dr I E Webb

Those who have not subscribed should do so at once, if they want one of the most authentic encyclopedias of current events for general information and campaign purposes.

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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1896.

F. C. Thompson, Editor & Propriet'r
Walter B. Wilson, Local Editor.

DEMOCRAT AND NEWS.

We have made arrangement to club with Dallas Semi-Weekly News which is the best newsgathering paper in the South-west and the fairest in the treatment of all political and religious sects. You can get the Twice-a-week News and THE DEMOCRAT for $1.75! Come in at once, for this will be a year of unusual interest, made so by the great political battle to be fought.

THOMAS Bayard seems to be the English ambassador to England.

THE confederate monument to be erected on the square of Sherman will be commenced at once,

ON July 4, '96, the additional star to represent Utah will be placed on Old Glory, when it will contain 45.

THE ship of state is wrecked and stranded. Why not make an appropriation (of votes) to rebuild it.

LOCAL option carried at Colmesnell, Tyler county and at Whitney, Tex., also at Bells, Tex.

A DEN of counterfeiters was found in the heart of Denver, Colorado, and were arrested,

"Czar" Reed counted a quorum last Saturday and was cheered by democrats. Democrats once shouted lustily against Reed's "czarism,"

THE Dallas News and Grover Cleveland came to "the parting of the way" on the money question.

ISSUING bonds and making appropriations seems to be the only work done at Washington.

THIS is campaign year. Will you not help us increase the circulation of THE DEMOCRAT.

THE Farmersville Times is publishing a list of accounts for sale which delinquent subscribers refuse to pay.

THE district republican convention met at Kaufman last week, got mad at each other and elected two sets of delegates to the national convention.

COUNTERFEITERS are properly sent to jail, but what about the men who have destroyed half the money of the people?—Rocky Mountain News.

MRS. Alva S. Vanderbilt, divorced wife of W. K. Vanderbilt, was married to Oliver H. P. Belmont last week. We have not a full list of all her divorced husbands.

MR. Wilson, a democrat legislator of Kentucky' died a few days ago, which leaves the republicans 68 votes, the democrats 67 and the populists 2. This. it is said, will insure a republican United States senator from Kentucky.

THE news from congress is all one way. More enlargements. Jobs for the favorites. Increased appropriations. More taxes. If you do not believe it, read the papers. There has been only one serious effort to economize or reduce expenditures made this session. That is Senator Peffer's bill to cut down funeral expenses. —Dallas News.

Nervous

People should realize that the only true and permanent cure for their condition is to be found in having

Pure Blood

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At Inland, forty miles from Perry Okla. a terrible battle was fought on the 11th inst between officers and a gang of horsethieves.

Maj. J. C. Post, of the U. S. A., died in New York last week.

Gen. M.D. Leggett died of apoplexy, at Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

THIS (Thursday) morning's Dallas News contains another long interview with Barney Gibbs who not only reiterates what he has already said, but says that all independent democrats and republicans will vote the populist ticket this fall.

A mob of one hundred and fifty men attempted to take in Celina a small Tennessee town, on the 10th inst., and as a result four men including the leader of the mob, the sheriff and one of his deputies were killed.

The people's party held a grand state rally at Springfield, Ill., lastweek. Among the speakers was Col. Jesse Harper, of Danville, who nominated Abraham Lincoln for president in the national Republican convention of 1860. —Vindicator.

A STRANDED reporter called on us last week. He informed us he had been working on Indianapolis and Louisville papers until four weeks ago when he came to Texas. He was a fine, intelligent looking fellow, but had been on a protracted drunk and was in a sad condition, having become nervous, bordering on the "jim jams." He begged us out of a quarter and a shaving ticket. "Beware of strong drink."

A FEW weeks ago, one night, a man entered the house of Mrs. Mary L. Lindsey in East Sherman. While escaping he dropped his hat. Tom O'Brien, of Denison, a saloon man, was arrested and tried this week. The jury assessed his punishment at 3 years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Lindsey is a sister of Levi Roberts of this county.

A New Jersey mayor has found out how to keep his town clear of tramps. When he catches one he makes him clean the streets with a ball and chain on his leg. Mayor Perkins might find the plan successful here in Greenville. Greenville Banner.

The best way to get rid of the "tramps" is to put balls and chains on the tramp makers and work them on the streets. See!

Col. C. A. Lincoln, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, and a farmer in Kansas, has suddenly come into prominence as a populist leader, and calls himself "Old Abe"—Sherman Journal.

Certainly this is gratifying news and we are of the opinion thaf if "honest Abe Lincoln were alive, that he would be against the infernal system of the day and many of his old followers would be populists.

There are about 30 candidates, all democrats, announced for office in Hunt county and many more precincts to hear from. Who was it said something about office seekers?

The congresional vote in the eighth district in the last election Hon C. K. Bell, (dem) received 16,480 Votes and Hon C. H. Jenkins (Populists) 16,104. Bell carrred 5 counties and Jenkins 8. Both Gentlemen came to Tarrant county with Jenkins 1002 votes ahead.

Attention, Populists!

The executive committee which meets here on Saturday, Jan. 25, desires that every populist, who can, from each precinct, to meet and advise with them. This is an important duty. Populists arouse and do everything legitimate for victory in 1896. If you have honest and capable men for office in your community let it be known, that their names may be considered before convention dates. Let us hear from you.

Populists Preachers.

The following article regarding Populists preachers was written by the editor of the Commanche Chief and reprinted and tacitly indorsed by the editor of the Sulphur-Springs Gazette:

"These pious galoots are really too trifling to hold any sort of a job in the vineyard of the Lord, and they naturally gravitate toward the third party, where all kinds of human trash is destined sooner or later. Credulous church members ought to cut off their supply of corn bread and buttermilk and tell them to go and work just for a change. They are the most despicable class of bums the Chief has ever felt called upon to notice"

We desire to inform the Chief and Gazette that we will cheerfully print all such old party arguments as the above without comment.—Sulphur Springs Vindicator.

Senate Organization—Butler and Harris.

We have noticed some criticism against populist senators for remaining quiet and allowing the republicans to re-organize the senate. The associated press is too venal to publish fully the exact attitude of the populist senators. It is a matter of record that the populist senators sent the following note to 52 democrat and republican free silver senators:

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1895.

Dear Sir:—There will be a meeting of Senators friendly to silver in the Marble Room of the Capitol on Monday, December 2, at 11 a. m.. to consult with a view of organizing the senate on silver lines. You are respectfully invited to attend.

Signed: Stewart, Allen, Peffer, Butler.

There was no response from these gentlemen who profess to be in favor of free silver. Each hypocrite of both the old parties wanted the aid of the populists but refused a chance to organize the senate on free silver lines by an independent move. What else could the populist senators do but set back and let the official grabbers fight it out. Senator Harris in answer to Mr. Butler of North Carolina said that he would not enter into a caucus or combination just for "one idea."

Mr. Butler quickly said:

Mr. Butler: "The gentleman says that he will not help to organize or fight for one idea. I think he had better try to get his party to organize and stand for at least one idea, for it has not a single idea to-day. It would be to his credit and to his party's credit if they had one idea—just one. They have deserted the ideas and principles they claimed to cherish. They have deserted them bag and baggage and gone over to the Republican camp in everything but name. Yes, if they had stood by the teachings of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson there would have been no People's Party to-day. The People's Party came into existence to defend and uphold the very principles which your party has deserted. It came into existence to defend and to put into practice the great true principles of Democracy and Republicanism as represented by Jackson, Jefferson and Lincoln, and because your party, both old parties, have deserted and gone over to the side of the monopolists and gold bugs. I hope the Senator from Tennessee will show his devotion to silver and the people when he votes for President in the next campaign, even if he will not help us to organize the Senate against the gold bugs."

An Incident.

Will Melton, a Democratic friend from Bonham, related to us this week an incident which illustrates one phase of the ground and admirable character of Major Jerome C. Kearby:

About four years ago Ed Randle, a poor man of Dallas, was shot down and killed in cold blood by Major J. C. Randle, a capitalist worth half a million.

Major Kearby went to the widow of Ed Randall and asked:

"Mrs, Randall, do you want me to assists in the prosecution of the murderer of your husband?"

"I have no money to pay you," was the poor woman's reply.

"Would you want my service Mrs. Randle, if you did have the money?" was Major Kearby's next question.

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"Well, then, madam," said Major Kearby, "I will consider myself engaged to prosecute, and you need not trouble about my fee."

Major Kearby did prosecute the rich murderer, and it was because of his great legal ability that he received a long term in the penitentiary after spending 250.000 in his own defense.

Major Jerome C. Kearby is a great lawyer, a great man, a great humanitarian and a great patroit. He easily fills the niche in the hearts of the Populists made vacant by the passing of the lamented Nugent.—Vindacator.

Senator Butler.

The following is taken from dispatches of Tuesday last:

"The bond-silver bill was taken up at 2 o'clock, and Mr. Butler (pop.) of North Carolina offered an amendment prohibiting the issuing of interest bearing bonds and directing the secretary of the treasury to pay in gold or silver according to the market value of the coins.

Mr. Butler spoke in opposition to bond issues. "It would not do," he said, "for either the republican or democratic side to evade responsibility by saying that it had no majority."

"I pledge," said he, "six people's party votes in this chamber to any party that will stop the further issue of bonds and six votes will give that majority to either side. in fact, either party can have a majority in this body when it desires to pass and law in the interest of the American people."

Mr. Butler spoke of the Benedict Arnolds of finance who were betraying their country into the hands of the gold speculators. He referred to the "wild cranks and fanatical remedies of Dr. Cleveland and Dr. Carlisle" in ministering to the financial patient.

Mr. Butler closed at 4:25 and the senate held a brief executive session, morning at 4:45 p. m, until to-mor-

ed. Wil-

AN IMPECUNIOUS ONE.

THE BOLD GAME OF BLUFF HE PLAYED ON THE CONDUCTOR.

He Was Not a Gambler or a Drummer, but a Bank Clerk—According to the Man Who Tells the Story, He Ought to Be an Actor—Oh, It Was Wicked!

He sat in a hotel smoking room. The air was blue, but men were happy—happy and reminiscent. He stretched out his legs, thrust his hands deep into his pockets, and between the puffs spun this yarn:

"For dead cold, icy nerve I had always thought we traveling men took the cake. But the prettiest game of bluff I ever saw was put up by a man who was neither a drummer nor a reporter, but merely an overworked bank clerk who had applied for a leave of absence and gone south to recuperate. He had drawn a certain sum for the trip and resolved not to exceed it. Foolishly he had neglected to buy an excursion ticket, arguing that he might want to return by a different route. And then, as a matter of course, he found that he had spent his money not wisely but too well, so that he was hundreds of miles from home, ticketless and friendless and well nigh penniless. His checkbook was useless, for no one knew him and he must be identified.

"All this I learned later on. My acquaintance with him began on the train of one of the southern roads, when he asked me to stake him enough to see him home. I had already been 'touched' several times that trip, so, expressing every confidence in his probity, I declined the honor he would do me. He tried several other passengers with a like result. Then he gave it up, but made us all promise not to interfere with any game he tried to play.

"Presently the conductor came along. The impecunious one, his hat cocked over one eye, was peacefully sleeping in one corner of his seat, leaning toward an open window. The conductor shook him, gently at first, so that he stirred, and his hat dropped farther over his eye, but he did not wake. Then more roughly, saying, 'Come, sir, your ticket, please.'

"At that the impecunious one awoke with a big start. His hat flew out of the window, and he flew into a great rage. He swore at the conductor and abused him up and down, him and his forefathers unto the third and fourth generation. What did he mean by waking him in that way? Didn't he know that rest was invaluable to an invalid? That such a sudden, rude awakening might be fatal to a weak heart? Were his nerves of no account? And now he had lost his hat and would catch cold. It was outrageous.

"The conductor bowed before the storm, and when it had somewhat abated offered to replace the hat at the first stopping place. 'And now, sir, let me see your ticket, please.'

"The impecunious one felt in all his pockets, went through them all again with a bewildered air. Finally he broke out: 'Why, you idiot, you, all my tickets, not only on this road, but straight through to Chicago, were in the lining of my hat, and you knocked it out of the window. I'm in a pretty pickle now. I haven't enough with me to buy a fresh set. This piece of idiocy will cost you your job. I'll report you to the company and teach you to be more careful how you startle a nervous man.'

"The conductor tried to soothe him, offered to take him through to the end of the division. But the impecunious one would not be appeased. Much good it would do him to be landed in some little nearby, one horse southern town hundreds of miles from nowhere. He wanted to get through to Chicago. He must get through. He had an appointment there that was worth thousands of dollars. Finally the conductor, by this time badly frightened, promised to get him tickets or passes all the way through, and the impecunious one subsided. And to the end of that road the conductor, having replaced the dear departed hat, maintained an humbly apologetic tone that would have wrung tears of blood from a stone.

"And it was only a bluff all so well carried out that the conductor was completely taken in, and the rest of us rubbed our eyes and wondered whether the impecunious one's attempt to touch us was not, after all, a dream.

"Later on, traveling over that same road, I told the conductor how he had been worked. And he said he knew it, for shortly after that trip he had received a letter and a check, the former confessing the fraud, the latter paying him the full price of the passage. And he added: 'That fellow was a genius. If he had made a fuss at first about his tickets, I'd have been on to him in a minute, but his tickets were forgotten. It was his nerves, his health, his heart, his hat that were of importance. And to think that he had no nerves, or health, or hat—or heart. Oh, it was wicked! But that man has missed his vocation. He ought to be on the stage.' "—Chicago Tribune.

Do not think of knocking out another person's brains because he differs in opinion from you. It would be as rational to knock yourself on the head because you differ from yourself ten years ago.—Horace Mann.

In 1880 the gross product of the woolen mills was valued at $267,000,000; ten years later it had increased to $338,000,000.

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ECCLESIASTICAL ROME.

An Always Present Power That Gives the City Its Importance.

"Ecclesiastic" Rome is the stronghold of a most tremendous fact from whatever point of view Christianity may be considered. If one could in imagination detach the head of the Catholic church from the church, one would be obliged to admit that no single living man possesses the farreaching and lasting power which in each succeeding papal reign belongs to the pope. Behind the pope stands the fact which confers, maintains and extends that power from century to century—a power which is one of the hugest elements of the world's moral activity, both in its own direct action and in the counteraction and antagonism which it calls forth continually.

It is the all pervading presence of this greatest fact, literally, in Christendom which has carried on Rome's importance from the days of the Cæsars across the chasm of the dark ages to the days of modern popes, and it is this really enormous importance which continually throws forward into cruel relief the puerilities and inanities of the daily outward world. It is the consciousness of that importance which makes old Roman society what it is, with its virtues, its vices, its prejudices and its strange, old fashioned, close fisted kindliness, which makes the contrast between the saturnalia of Shrove Tuesday night and the cross signed with ashes upon the forehead of Ash Wednesday morning, between the careless laughter of the Roman beauty in carnival and the tragic earnestness of the same lovely face when the great lady kneels in Lent before the confessional to receive upon her bent head the light touch of the penitentiary's wand, taking her turn perhaps with a score of women of the people. It is the knowledge of an always present power, active throughout the whole world, which throws deep, straight shadows, as it were, through the Roman character, just as in certain ancient families there is a secret that makes grave the lives of those who know it.—Marion Crawford in Century.

HER BARN STORMING TOUR.

Mary Anderson de Navarro Recounts an Incident of Her Early Stage Career.

Mary Anderson de Navarro looks back with evident enjoyment upon what she calls the "barnstorming" period of her stage career, which, however, in her case was short, beneficial and pecuniarily profitable. Of her experiences in Owensboro, a small Kentucky town, where she and her little band of actors played for a week, Mrs. de Navarro writes in The Ladies' Home Journal:

"I was a tall, slender Juliet and my Romeo proved to be a plump, pleasant little woman, probably the mother of several would be Romeos and Juliets. The moon she (Romeo) swore by we found to be the headlight of a railway engine hired for the occasion. This was held by a small negro boy perched upon a ladder, who was so amused by the play that he laughed until he shook over the most tragic scenes. His mirth, as may be imagined, was not conducive to the moon's steadiness. At one time she was shining in an upper box, at another on the head of a bald musician, often blinding the unfortunates in the front stalls, here, there, everywhere save on the face of her ('Verona's lovely flower') she had been especially hired to illuminate. The conductor of the orchestra was a carpenter by trade, and sawed away as lustily during the day at the boards he was converting into profile statues of 'Evadne's' noble ancestors as he sawed upon his violin at night."

Queer Beliefs About the Fern.

The fern was supposed to seed only on St. John's night and thus to possess those singular properties for which it had become almost sacred. The gathering of the seed was believed to be attended with considerable danger. Povet, in his "Pandemonium," published in 1684, says: "Much discourse hath been about gathering of fern seed (which is looked upon as a magical herb) on the night of midsummer's eve, and I remember I was told of one who went to gather it, and the spirits whisked by his ears like bullets and sometimes struck his hat and other parts of his body. In fine, though he apprehended he had gotten a quantity of it and secured it in papers and box beside, when he got home he found all empty. But most probable this appointing of time and hours is of the devil's own institution, as well as the fact that having once ensnared people to an obedience to his rules he may with more facility oblige them to stricter vassalage."—Boston Herald.

Met the Emergency.

The following incident happened at the Criterion theater in London the other evening. At the end of one of the scenes Mr. Wyndham tells a fellow actor to go down stairs and he will follow him in three minutes. Then, as he takes out his watch, the curtain should descend. On this occasion, however, it failed to do so, and the Squire of Dames reclined on the sofr, patiently waiting. An almost painful pause occurred. The curtain jerked, but would not fulfill its mission, and Mr. Wyndham, realizing the situation, again pulled out his watch, and said, "Ah, two minutes have passed." There was another pause, after which he arose and announced that "the time was up and he must go." As he left the stage the curtain at last descended, and Mr. Wyndham's ready wit was much applauded. —London Globe.

The Secret Was Safe.

"Why did you talk in French to Ethel last night?"

"Because I had something to impart to her that I wished no one else to know."

"But there was a French lady sitting close behind you."

"Yes, but I have discovered that she did not understand a word we said."—Boston Trauscript.

Falling From the Sun to the Earth.

The philosophers have figured out some queer problems since the time of Horatio, but none of them is more curious than that relating to the amount of time it would take for an object to fall from the sun or moon to our earth. It has been decided, after an immense amount of figuring, that if a bowlder weighing a ton should fall from the sun it would take it 99 years, 9 months, 7 days and 2 hours to reach the earth. The same bowlder could make the trip from the moon to the earth in 4½ days. —St. Louis Republic.

The Ætolian League.

The Ætolian league was a confederacy of Greek states formed B. C. 323. An annual assembly was held in the autumn at Thermum, and this conference was called the Panætolicon. The league was dissolved on the conquest of the Ætolian states by the Romans, B. C. 189. The original purpose of the league was to free Greece from the rule of the Macedonian kings.

CURFEW TIDE.

The thrushes sing in every tree;
The shadows long and longer grow;
Broad sunbeams lie athwart the lea;
The oxen low;
Round roof and tower the swallows slide;
And slowly, slowly sinks the sun,
At curfew tide,
When day is done.

Sweet sleep, the nighttime's fairest child,
O'er all the world her pinions spreads;
Each flower beneath her influence mild
Fresh fragrance sheds;
The owls, on silent wings and wide,
Steal from the woodlands, one by one,
At curfew tide,
When day is done.

No more clanging the rookery rings
With voice of many a noisy bird;
The startled wood dove's clattering wings
No more are heard;
With sound like whispers faintly sighed,
Soft breezes through the treetops run,
At curfew tide,
When day is done.

So may it be when life is spent,
When ne'er another sun can rise,
Nor light one other joy present
To dying eyes;
Then softly may the spirit glide
To realms of rest, disturbed by none,
At curfew tide,
When day is done.
—S. Cornish Watkins in Chambers' Journal.

THE UNDERTAKER'S SONG.

The Consumptive Man Failed to Appreciate the Old Melody.

On North Clark street there is an undertaker whose face and bearing are peculiarly adapted to his business—tall, thin, with a countenance habitually thoughtful, almost melancholy, and in addition his shoulders stoop, which aids in giving him the air of a man who is burdened with his own or other people's sorrows. But behind the mournful exterior there lies a quiet humor, a little grewsome perhaps, but humor nevertheless.

This undertaker boards at a hotel just across the street, and not long since as he walked into the office one evening about dinner time he observed leaning against the end of the desk a cadaverous looking man whom his experienced eyes informed him was rapidly approaching the last stages of consumption. As he passed the desk he remarked in an undertone to the clerk, "I'll get that fellow pretty soon."

Having finished his dinner, he returned to the office, and seating himself in one of the chairs where he could watch the door of his establishment he fell into a dreamy mood. Perhaps it was memories of younger days made him sentimental. At all events he began humming some old ballads. The tune of the old song, "I'm Waiting, My Darling, For Thee," came to his mind. He hummed it over again and again, trying to recall the words. A man seated in front of him seemed to be growing restless.

Suddenly the words came to him, and in a louder tone he sang the first measure, "I'm waiting, my darling, for thee." That was as far as he got. The man in front turned round—it was the consumptive—his bright eyes flashing as in husky but angry tones he said, "I can take a joke as well as any man, but when an undertaker sits behind me and sings 'I'm Waiting, My Darling, For Thee,' it's altogether too much." The undertaker arose slowly, and his face resumed its mournful expression as he walked out of the door and toward his place of business.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Blackie's Student Days.

He wandered in the Harz and the Black forest, clad in wagoner's smock, mixing with the people—especially the miners—geologizing as he went, and making intellectual pilgrimages to Weimar and Wurtzburg. At Gottingen Ottfried Muller and Heeren, the historian, seem to have influenced him most. At Berlin, whither he next went, he studied under Schleiermacher and Neander, to the latter of whom he was much attracted, and whose teaching appears to have had much to do with broadening views that were of themselves already stretching far beyond their originally restricted confines.

Neander once startled his disciple by remarking, "You have some Jewish notions in Scotland with regard to the observance of the Lord's day." Blackie, who still considered that "Scottish theology and Christianity were convertible terms," was staggered by the assertion "that one of the most significant observances of Scottish religiousness was not Christian, but Jewish." But the fourth commandment was too deeply imbedded in Blackie for him to be swayed by such reasoning. He continued to spend his Sundays after the Scotch fashion, and, says he, "I never had cause to regret my conscientiousness —'Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.'"—Blackwood's Magazine.

The Yule Log.

In some parts of Germany the Yule log is placed on the hearth on Christmas eve and if possible kept burning for two or three days. Then a piece of it is laid aside for the purpose of lighting the next year's log and of guarding the household from harm. Pieces of firwood charred but not quite burnt out in the Christmas fire are also placed under the family bed in some German villages to avert the dreaded lightning stroke, which appears in this relation to be the type of fire in its evil aspect, in contradistinction from the solar orb, the representative of beneficent light and warmth. The custom of burning a Yule log for three days and nights in each homestead is almost certainly a survival from the adoration once offered to the sun at the winter solstice.

Three centuries after the Christian era sun worship was still maintained in Brittany, and in Normandy not more than 100 years ago the household fire was extinguished on Dec. 24 and the Christmas log was ignited by the aid of a flame procured from the lamp burning in the neighboring church. This fact affords a curious instance of the probable transference of respect and reverence from the sacred fire of a purely heathen creed to the ecclesiastical lights of Catholicism. When the pagan rites for procuring unsullied fire were forbidden or fell into desuetude, the ideas to which they owed their origin and development, instead of perishing, continued to exist more or less perfectly by attaching themselves to usages and ceremonies having no direct association with them. —Gentleman's Magazine.

A Little Bit Hasty.

"Doctor," said a distressed wife to the family physician, as he was coming down stairs from his patient's room, "can you give me no hope of my husband? Can nothing be done?"

"Madam," said the delighted doctor, rubbing his hands, "allow me to congratulate you. Our patient has taken a turn for the better, and now we may hope to have him about again in a few weeks."

"Oh, doctor!" exclaimed the horrified lady, throwing up her hands. "You told me he could not possibly get better, and I have sold all his clothes!"—Pearson's Weekly.

A Mystery.

Watts—Statesman Witts says he never pays any attention to the papers.

Potts—So? Wonder how he gets hold of all his jokes.—Indianapolis Journal.

LETTERS COST $1 APIECE.

California Miners Lined Up For the Mail, and Places Were Worth $300.

A well known patent attorney in this city, who was in California in the early mining days, apropos the publication in The Post of the cost of carrying mails on the Yukon, makes some interesting statements about similar service on the Pacific coast in 1849-50:

"We had to pay $1 for every letter sent or received," he states, "besides the government postage. We were in the mines and had to send a messenger, with an order for the postmaster to deliver to him our mail at Sacramento, a distance of from 75 to 100 miles, according to the location of the camps. Parties made a business of carrying the mail and had regular routes around through the mining camps.

"At that time mail went by way of the isthmus, there being but one steamer every three weeks. As a result, at San Francisco and at Sacramento, the two main offices and supply points for the state, there would be a large crowd waiting every time a mail arrived. They finally adopted a rule among themselves requiring all to form in line and take their turn, and hundreds stood or laid in line day and night to keep their places, sometimes several days before they could be served, the line being formed days before the steamer arrived. Resident speculators would take position in the line, and when they had advanced near the door would sell their place to others from the mines, who were waiting, frequently getting from $100 to $300.

"Such a thing can hardly be believed by those who have never had any such experience, but in the fall of 1849 an ox team driver got $10 per day and board, Sundays being counted the same as other days, while carpenters got from an ounce ($16) to an ounce and a half per day, everything else costing in proportion, and hence the mail carriers for the mines could better afford to pay for the position in line than to wait on expense and lose the time, they sometimes being kept waiting for a week before they could get all their mail for the several camps.

"One of the curions sights was the sale of the New York papers. As soon as the steamer arrived a man or boy with a lot of papers would rush ashore, mount a box and just as fast as he could hand out the papers and make change dispose of them at $1 each. Of course in time all this changed, but communication with the States was then so slow and the time required so great that to us, isolated as we were from home and friends and the whole outside world, it seemed almost an eternity."—Exchange.

A Misfit.

"Yes," he answered, as he seemed to huddle himself in a heap. "I've done some odd things in my time. I've jumped from a train running at a speed of 48 miles an hour, and I can't say as I want to repeat the experiment."

"What was the occasion?"

"Three years ago. I did it for a bet of 20 shillings. The bet was that I daren't walk out on the platform and take the jump without picking out my ground. As it happened the ground was pretty clear, but £1,000,000 wouldn't get me to try it again."

"How did you come out?"

"Well, it's hard to describe the sensation. As I sprang from the step I seemed to fly. I sailed along in the air until my wings grew tired, and then I dropped down to see the country. Sometimes I beat the professionals all hollow, and again I made a mess of it. It was my intention to skip all the mud puddles and avoid all the stumps, but you can't always have your own way in this world. By and by I came up with a bang in a ditch corner, and waited for a first class hospital to visit me."

"Much hurt?"

"Might have been worse. Broke an arm, two ribs and had over 100 cuts and bruises, and it was seven weeks before I could walk a yard."

"But you won the 20 shillings?"

"Y-e-s, but there is where I always grow sad. The stakeholder forwarded it to me from his town in the shape of a coffin, and it didn't fit my length by seven inches. I had to sell the confounded thing as a misfit at half price."—Strand Magazine.

He Got the Message.

An experienced telegraph operator can from listening to the sounds understand a message on one kind of telegraph instrument without seeing it at all. One day an inspector walked into an office and began to question the clerk in charge. Suddenly a message began to arrive, and the clerk sat down to write it. The message was as follows:

"Look out for squalls. The inspector is somewhere on the line and will be poking his nose in everywhere."

The inspector smiled as he listened to the message, while the poor clerk looked quite helpless. His superior, however, went to the instrument and sent back the answer: "Too late. He has already poked his nose in here."—Pearson's Weekly.

Was It Fate?

Those who hold that no man can avoid his fate may find support for their doctrine in the experience of Charles J. Weller of Elkhart, Ind. He was employed at grinding at an emery wheel, but regarding the position as dangerous handed in his resignation. Five minutes before the time for ending his last day at the work the wheel burst and killed him.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A strange custom among the Bayanzi, who live along the upper Kongo, has been described by explorers. Brass rings, sometimes weighing 30 pounds, are welded around the necks of the wives. At first the neck becomes raw by the chafing, but after awhile it becomes calloused, although a woman has to hold the ring up frequently to get relief from the weight. The ring is never put around a woman's neck until she has attained her full development. The women are proud of their ornament, believing that it enhances their importance and beauty.—New York World.

But Joshua Holds the Record.

Captain Bassett was the first man officially to lengthen time by turning back the hands of the senate clock in Washington. He did it for the first time March 4, 1844, by direction of Senator Wiley P. Mangam of North Carolina, then president of the senate pro tempore. This is history.—Boston Globe.

Took Him at His Word.

Employer (to new office boy)—If any one calls, James, be sure and remember that I am not in. (Half an hour later) Didn't you hear me call, you young rascal?

James—Yes, sir, but I t'ought yer wasn't in.—London Tit-Bits.

The parchments and papyrus used by the ancients seem to have had a special preparation, by virtue of which they absorbed the ink and thus caused the writing to be almost indelible.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.

I am now prepared to furnish a limited number of settings of Eggs from these famous winter layers, at

$2 00 PER SETTING OF 13.

I have secured the best specimens of the breed, and can now show birds in my yard of the great Felch and Griswold strains. Have no other breed on my place.

During the past year my birds have won a number of prizes: "ISAAC," imported by me direct from Felch, won first at Galveston; score 93¾. I have also added another fine bird—"OLD CHIEF"—to my yard I purchased him from Randolph, at Austin. He has rarely ever failed to win first in the show ring

J. S. DOWELL.
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There is no longer doubt about the efficacy of Dr. W J. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure which is beyond any doubt the greatest remedy ever discovered for catarrh and cold in the head.

Mayor F. N. Oliver of Oak Cliff, Tex., writes: "Two bottles of Dr. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure cured my wife and son, Frank, of a bad case of catarrh of long standing. It is a great remedy and all the doctor claims for it." Those who suffer will do well to try the remedy. Sold by R. E. Bristo

Camp Throckmorton U. C. V. 109.

All members of the camp are requested to meet at the court house at 1 p. m. in McKinney, Jan. 18, 1896; also the committee composed of the following names W. M. Abernathy, Jot Woodall, Roland Gooch, George Bowman, J. P. Hale, Simon Lunsford, J. E. Bateman, James McLean, I. D. Sellers and S. D. Hatler.

W. A. RHEA, Commander.
R. A. McLARRY, Vi't.

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West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucuous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

CITY ELECTION APRIL 6.

We are authorized to announce
For Marshall,
SAM BURKS.

For City Assessor and Collector
T. L. McMULLEN.
R. B. DAVIS

ELECTION NOV. 3.

We are authorized to announce
For Constable, Ind'nt., Precinct No. 1,
MARVEL WILLIAMS.

To Candidates Of All Parties.

If you desire to have your name placed before the many readers of THE DEMOCRAT why, just send us word or call and see us. We charge regular rates, but do not desire to constantly bore you to get you to announce with us. If you think it is of any advantage to be represented before our large list of subscribers of course you will announce in THE DEMOCRAT.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Concerning People and Home Events of Interest to All.

Little Less White, son of Mr. J. L. White, is seriously sick.

J. H. Williamson is spending a few days at Blue Ridge.

Mrs. Price Stiff left for a visit to relatives in San Antonio, Tuesday.

Van Webster has returned to San Antonio again where he hopes soon to become robust.

Miss Ida Cannedy of Rowlett visited relatives in this city last week.

Mrs. Tollie Smith of Princeton visited her mother, Mrs. Harriet Wilson, in this city this week.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes this acid and cures rheumatism.

Volney Coleman is confined to his room this week with a severe attack of la grippe.

Irwin Ferguson is reading law in Abernathy & Beverly's office.

J. F. Cave of Melissa and brother of Plano were brief callers on The Democrat Saturday.

J. L. Adams, of Walnut Tree, Ark., is visiting his brother. Will Adams, of this city.

The little city of Anna in this county was named in honor of Anna Quinlan, whose father is vice president of the H. & T. C. R: R.

Deputy County Clerk E. H. Keene is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Judge M. H. Garnett is presiding over special district court at Sherman this week in the celebrated Bean case now on trial.

Miss Margie A. Fulenwider is now in the East in the trimming rooms acquainting herself with the latest styles and fads. She will return in March to resume the management of the millinery departmet at the Kentucky Store.

Dr. Simmons Cough Syrup is only fifty cents a bottle and contains fifty doses; try it, and if you are not benefited your money will be refunded. Manufactured by A. C. Simmons Jr., Med. Co., Sherman, Tex. For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

Sam Burk's name appears in our announcement column as a candidate for marshal. Mr. Burks has filled this office for two terms and is well known to every voter in the city. If re-elected he promises to make a courageous, efficient and watchful officer.

The commissioners' court was in session last week for the purpose of appointing road overseers for this year. It adjourned Saturday to meet again in a few days to declare the result of the Wylie local option contest.

That cough of yours may become serious; why ueglect it when a bottle of Dr. Simmons Cough Syrup will cure it. Fifty doses for fifty cents. Satisfaction guaranteed. For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

Harvey Thomas of Pilot Point remits for one year's subscription to The Democrat. Hope he may be well pleased with it and continue one of our regulars.

There is a Masonic school of instruction in progress in McKinney. Mr. E. E. Douglas, of Kaufmau, presides. There is much interest manifested. Visitors are in attendance. The school will last a few days.

A slight cough is a slight thing, but it may become serious; do not hesitate to buy a bottle of Dr. Simmons Cough Syrup, it will cure you. Satisfaction guaranteed. For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

Sam Burk lelt Sunday evening to bring back George Henson from Los Angelos, Callfornia, where the latter was arrested and held for charges of embezzlement preferred against him in McKinney.

J. Frank Smith of Princeton, returned yesterday from Mumford, Texas, where he visited a sick sister. Mr. Smith reported his sister much better and and ordered The Democrat sent to her address. In our last issue it was reported that Mr. Smith's sister was dead as per a telegram. But when Mr. Smith got to Mumford he found that she had revived.

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PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Some 1[illegible] gentlemen sent us, th[illegible]ll, this morning a cartoon [illegible] The Texas Sandwich ent[illegible]e birth of the populists pa[illegible]ks.

Express Agent.

M[illegible]. E. Mitchell, Agent Southern Express Co., Griffin. Ga., May 8th, 1895: "I have used King's Royal Germeteur in my family, and consider it the best medicine I have ever used. It has relieved me of Muscular Rheumatism. I also know of several other cases of rheumatism and catarrh that have been cured by its use." Write to The Atlanta Chemical Co., Atlanta, Ga., for 48 page book, giving full information, free, New package, large bottle, 108 doses, $1. For sale by Smith Bros.

Melissa was named for Mrs. Wm. E. Dodge of New York, whose given name was Melissa, and who was a stockholder of the H. & T. C.

Never confuse sentiment with business. If I can't cure you, I don't want your money. Respectfully,
DR. SIMMONS. Cough Syrup.
For sale at Denton's Pharmacy.

HONOR ROLL.

The following gentlemen have our hearty thanks for financial favors extended in settling and renewing their subscriptions to The Democrat since our last report:

T. C. Martin,
R. J. Lanham,
T. A. Pruett,
W. J. Fuller,
John Loafman,
L. Holt,
J. T. Howard,
Harvey Thomas,
J. F. Ragsdale,
John Warden,
E. M. Cox,
W. C. White,
W. A. McRee,
B. Branch,
R. J. Finch,
M. B. Williams,
W. A. Holder,
E. F. England,
Maria Rucker,
Mrs. J. D. Kirk.

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal., was troubled with lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by the City Drug Store.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex., Jan. 14, 1896, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Bradley Mollie	Kindle Maud
Bryan Nellie	Ledbetter Em'et
Caldwel Cora	Moore E D
Connill Nannie	Moore Mattie
Dennis Mannie	Sneed Maud
Gallup Rebecca	Wright Luck
Howell Vic	Williams C E

GENTLEMEN.

Brown M H	Higgins Jmd
Adamson Wallie	Gore N H
Baggett S P	Hamric N H
Beasley A A	Harrison Bob
Brook M L	Hammans Bill
Coats R E	Henson John
Cowan W	Lewo John T
Cooper Manthey	McGarrah G W
Doolen Henry	Sarrett Hugh 2
Dunlap Lena	Swor Bert
Frenchy Toby	Sisk N J
Thompson R T	Stiff W m
Willingham	

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.
Mrs. M. A. Camerhn,
Postmistress

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of bad colds. It opens the secretions, relieves the lungs and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. If freely used as soon as the cold has been contracted, and before it has becomes settled in the system, it greatly lessens the severity of the attack and has often cured in a day what would have been a severe cold. For sale by the City Drug Store

Mr Coke Mays of this city and Miss Inez Kealy of Louisville Denton county Texas were married in that city Tuesday last Rev J. J. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated.

BOARDERS WANTED:—Mrs. A. L. Hughes is nicely prepared to furnish table board. Any one wanting first class accommodation will please call to see her at first dwelling north of the Mississippi Store.

In this issue will be found the announcement of Marvel Williams as independent candidate for constable, Precinct No. 1. Mr. Williams lives east of McKinney and is well and favorably known to the readers of The Democrat in this community.

Marriage Bells.

Licenses to wed issued by County Clerk J. A. Walden since our last report:

J E Smart and Lillie Holdman, W D Bertram and Annie White, John W Kilsby and Ida Mays, Dink Estes and Cloyd Short, John Johnson and Bettie Bilderback, J W Montgomery and S A Davis, F Combest and M E Chelf, A G Wilson and Minnie Branch, E F Neal and M J Bull, C F Adams and Sallie Dike, C W Dordon and Emma Foster, R A Moore and Nannie Odle, Alfred Roberts and M E Blackwell, Richard Smith and Mary Lively, C F Dancer and Bell Wade, W B Keener and Lillie Picket, Will Drake and Ellen Croomes, R E Telford and I A Collins, C H Warden and Ellen Cameron, J P Brewer and Lacy M McDaniel, J P Bright and Nannie West, J D Skiles and Olive Ashby.

RELIGIOUS.

Father McGynn, of Paris, conducted Catholic services at the church in Fairfield Sunday at 10 a. m. He takes charge there.

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Rev. J. B. Powers, of this city, has accepted the position of state agent for the Christian Advocate of Dallas, the official organ of the M. E. Church South in Texas.

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James Forsyth has been elected superintendent of the Fairfield Snnday school and S. D. Cannedy assistant.

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San Antonians are busy in getting arrangements perfected for the entertainment of the state Epworth League conference which meets in that city next May.

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Quarterly convention will be held at Weston by Presiding Elder Rippey Sunday.

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E. E. Farris, African missionary, will lecture at the Christian church Sunday night and directly after the service he will lecture to the colored people.

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A religious debate began, Monday, at Shrman between Eld. J. D. Fant, Christian, and Rev. W. A. Jarrel, Baptist, and will continue during this week.

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Under the caption, "Texas Methodism," by J. Marvin Nichols, in Texas Christian Advocate, an article of much interest appeared last week, from which the following facts were gleaned: Five conferences, viz; Texas, North Texas, North-West Texas, West Texas and East Texas lie wholly within the state and comprise a total membership of 180,576. A portion of two other conferences lying within our borders are not, in fact, Texas conferences. They swell, however, the membership of Texas beyond 200,000. These five conferences that lie wholly within the state with a membership of 180,576, raised, during the year 1895, the sum of $797,964.66 from all sources—a per capits amount of $4.42. In this field are 79 superannuated preachers: 1680 licensed preachers, of whom 587 are independent of presiding elders and in the intinerant work who received an average salary of $496.60 each. There are 38 presiding elders at an average salary of $1173.55 each. Societies 1988, church houses 1240, societies or classes without a house of worship, 748. Average cost of the 1240 church edifices $1465.75; 540 parsonages worth an average of $916.85. Total assets of Texas Methodism $2,662,820, Number of Sunday schools 1369 with a total membership of 99,020—an average of 72 members to the school. Number of Epworth Leagues 513 with 18,745 members, an average of 37 to the chapter.

Is it "overwork" that has filled this country with nervous dyspeptics?—that takes the flesh off their bones, the vitality from their blood, and makes them feeble, emanciated and inefficient? No. It is bad cooking, overeating of indigestible stuff, and other health destroying habits.

The remedy is an artificially digested food such as the Shaker Digestive Cordial. Instead of irritating the already inflamed stomach the Cordial gives it a chance to rest by nourishing the system itself and digesting other food taken with it. So flesh and strength return. Is not the idea rational! The Cordial is palatable and relieves immediately. No money risked to decide on its value. A 10 cent trial bottle does that

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil

NOTICE.

The general delivery window at the McKinney postoffice will be open on Sundays and legal holidays, after Sunday the 19th inst, at 9 to 10 a. m. and 3 to 4 p. m,

M. A. CAMERON, P. M

Details, little things, utmost care, the having everything right are all helping to make the BUCKSKIN BREECHES the most popular working pants on earth. The seams are right, cut right, look right—they keep their buttons and never rip; they are nearly wear-proof.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 9.

Cotton	7 to 7½ cts.
Wheat per bus.	30 to 50cts.
Corn " "	18to 19cts.
Oats " "	10 to 17cts.
Hay, baled, per ton	$4.00 to $5.00
Millet hay per ton	$5.00 to $6.00
Flour per cwt	$1.75 to 2.25
Chops per cwt	70cts.
Bran " cwt	60cts.
Sweet Potatoes " "	40 to 50 cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 15cts.
Eggs per doz	8 to 10cts.
Lard per lb	10 to 11cts.
Hogs per cwt	$3.00
Beef on foot per cwt	$1.80 , $2.00.
" dressed " lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4¼ cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to $2.25
Cotton seed per ton	$9.00.
Turkies	30 to 50 cts.

We are through stock-taking and straightening up.

Have made great improvents on the second floor of our store room and are now fully prepared to meet all demands for

Dry Goods, Clothing, Dress Goods Dressmaking, Boots and Shoes.

Mrs. Belle Stiff Kelly has charge of our Dressmaking department and she will be glad to welcome all old customers as well as new ones. All work will be done in first-class style on short notice. Our buyer, Mr. G. Mabry, accompanied by Mrs. Kelly, will leave in a few days for the Eastern Markets to

Purchase Spring Stock.

They will secure the most approved, up-to-date goods to be found in New York

At present we are selling our heavy goods at about half their value. If you want bargains come to the great

Mississippi Store.

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY

ONE PRICE CASH HOUSE!

IN McKINNEY.

Come to see us. We will treat you right. With many thanks for past favors, we are,

Most respectfully yours,

Perry, Oldham & Co.

Lebanon Siftings.

Lebanon, Jan. 13, '96.

The measles are raging here. It has been feared it would stop the school for awhile.

Mr. Sampson (Tug) Christie has been quite sick of late but is convalescing.

Mrs. F. Young and family visited Mrs. Dennard near Rock Hill Sunday.

Mrs. L.B. Garrison is talking of moving back on her farm soon.

Mrs. Samuel Young, who resides with her children in Montague county, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Dr. S. A. Rice is preparing to move. He is going to locate about fifty miles north-west, so we understand.

Lee Gullege was out of town, to-day, visiting a sick brother.

They have organized a literary society at Lebanon. It meets 2nd and 4th Friday evenings.

Mr. W. S. Collingsworth is adding to his already elaborately improved premises, a fine large cistern.

C. D. Camp has moved back to his home near Allen.

Wheat is looking better.

BIMET.

An Old Soldier's Recommendation.

In the late war I was a soldier in the First Maryland Volunteers, Company G. During my term of service I contracted chronic diarrhœa. Since then I have used a great amount of medicine, but when I found any that would give me relief it would injure my stomach, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and diarrhœa Remedy was brought to my notice. I used it and will say it is the only remedy that gave me permanent relief and no bad results follow. I take pleasure in recommending this prepartion to all of my old comrades, who, while giving their services to their country, contracted this dreadful disease as I did, from eating unwholesome and uncooked food. Yours truly, A. E. BENDING, Halsey, Oregon. For sale by the City Drug Store.

City candidates should put their announcements in The Democat at once.

DEATHS.

On January 12, infant of John Hendrix.

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On January 15, infant of J. W. Thomas.

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On January 12, T. B. Thompson died of consumption. Age, 50 years.

ROYAL Baking Powder.
Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report.

An Invitation.

Our fellow townsman, C. E. Obenchain, is becoming quite literary of late, and toots the populist horn like he was used to it.—Daily Budget.

Right you are, Budget, and in the grand concert of 1896 on to its November finale, there will be music. Let the Budget be careful lest it getteth into the wrong band-wagon, among the heathens who know not "harmony," but prideth themselves on their 'golden' instruments. Since the gold syndicate combine there is no chance of playing "golden" harps this side of the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem; and friend Budget will hesitate and spit twice before he takes this step with the contingency of being bodily cast into outer darkness, where there is less "harmony" even, than now exists in the democratic party, and that's saying a good deal. No, we can't give friend Budget a golden horn, but he is welcome to a seat in our silver band wagon, and the free and unlimited use of our instruments, and as the concert proceeds we guarantee he will not play to empty benches. Friend Budget, come with us.

C. E. OBENCHAIN.

Attempted Assassination.

Van Alstyne, Grayson Co., Tex., Jan. 12.—Last night about 12 o'clock some unknown party fired from the shadow of a building upon John Lawrence with a 41 Colt's pistol, striking him in the right shoulder, inflicting a painful wound. No clew to the would-be assassin.

Don't neglect to get your neighbors to take The Democrat during this campaign year.

A Governor Accused.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—A special to the Times-Herald from Phoenix, Ariz., says: Govenor Hughes stands charged with official corruption and his personal reputation for integrity and honesty is impeached by a report of the last grand jury. Among those implicated are: Territorial Auditor Leith and Myrom H. McCord, an ex-congressman from Wisconsin. These three constitute the territorial board of control; two associates being appointees of the governor. The grand jury report alleges malfeasance in office and misappopriation of territorial funds.

PRESIDENT FORBES

Of the Central Populist Club Makes Some Timely Suggestions to Reformers.

Plano, Texas, Jan. 11, 1896.
To the Populists of Collin County
Greeting:

I was much surprised on receiving The Democrat this morning to find that I had again been called upon to preside over the Central populist club.

Situated as I am I fear that the club has made a mistake in placing this responsibility upon my shoulders. But I am not one to shirk a duty when called upon and will, to the best of my abilty, endeavor to perform it. In doing so, however, I ask you to do your duty in aiding and sustaining me in the enormous work before our organization in this county.

I am sorry I could not be present at your meeting and learn your wishes and plans of work mapped out. In the absence of such information I shall proceed to make a few suggestions which if they conflict with any plans adopted at the meeting, need not be considered.

Let each school community at once organize a permanent club where none exists already; and I hereby appoint each member of the finance committee as temporary chairman of his school district to call a meeting for that purpose and substitute the following where we have no committeemen: Plano A. H. McCarty, Bethany W. H. Hicks, Brown S. H., G. W. Cave.

I suggest that the plan first adopted of electing delegates to Central club be followed; i. e., one delegate for every ten mem-members, or fractional part there of.

I suggest that each member be required to pledge himself to become a subscriber to some populist paper, if not already one.

I also request that each club propose and discuss a platform for the party in the coming campaign and send a copy to the secretary and treasurer. This will bring out the ideas of the masses of the party on this question, and make your meeting interesting as well as those of the Central club.

If you have a good man in your community who would be good material for a county ticket, discuss the matter, and present his name to the Central club.

Admit every man into your clubs who is tired of the old partses and ready to join our ranks, whether he indorses all our ideas or not. Depend upon it you can easily make a thorough middle-of-the-road populist of him if you can get him to "mess with you."

Don't sit down on a brother who may have a new idea which he wants to present; but remember we are, none of us, too old to learn. Remember these things. Organize your clubs and elect your delegates to meet in McKinney Saturday, February 1, 1896, at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp; and let us have a rousing meeting.

E. C. FORBES.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Executive Committeemen.

Each member of the populist executive committee of Collin county is hereby called to meet in McKinney, Saturday Jan. 25, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of considering the time and place of holding the county nominating convention and appoint delegates to the state convention and other business that may be brought before the committee.

J. W. GRAY, Chairman;
E. C. FORBES, Sec.

PEOPLES PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COLLIN COUNTY.

Chairman J W Gray, Allen
Secretary E C Forbes, Plano.

Precinct	Name	Postoffice
Allen	W W Chapman	Allen
Melissa	J F Cave	Melissa
Anna	W F Price	Anna
Celina	A D Stelzer	Celina
Copeville	J Y Bowen	Copeville
Decatur	J H King	Murphy
Frankford	J H Cook	Frankford
Gray Bill	G P Jones	Gray Bill
Josephine	B F Ivy	Josephine
Lebanon	F M Collinsworth	Plano
Lick Prairie	L Nelson	Wylie
Millwood		
Nevada	E R Maxey	Nevada
Plano	E C Forbes	Plano
Pilgrim	J J Bradley	Pike
Rock Hill	W T Hale	McKinney
Rheas Mill	Chas Snyder	Rheas Mill
Seven Points		
St Paul	S W Chapell	Wylie
Verona	M N Stroup	Verona
Valdasta		
Snow Hill	L L Miller	Hickman
Princeton	W R Todd	Princeton
Weston	J E Caruth	Weston
Wylie	A W McDonald	Wylie
Blue Ridge	T A Pruitt	Blue Ridge

Farmersville North, R B Hickman, Hickman
Farmersville South, J Gotcher, Farmersville
McKnney North, A S Graves, Vineland
McKinney, South, G M D Williams, McKinney.

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The Secret of Health.

The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

Tutt's Liver Pills
Cure all Liver Troubles.

CALAMITY CITY.

"Hazel Eyes" Sends a Nice Lot of Interesting Items.

Calamity City, Jan. 13, 1896.

Christmas and New Year's are now things of the past and we have turned another leaf in life's history. Let us hope that as we descend the gentle slope toward the sunset of life, we can look upon this page as one of the brightest and best.

The young people have enjoyed a number of parties and singings since the holidays began and are now ready to resume their work for another year.

H. B. Sledge gave a New Year's dinner in honor of his parents. Mrs. Johns prepared the feast and (take this scribe's word for it) She certainly is well versed in the culinary art. The following is a partial list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Sledge, Mr. and Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Lyons, Misses Lillian Recer, Rosa Gray, and Cora Caldwell.

The school at this place is moving along smoothly. Prof. Chance certainly knows how to manage the little people.

There is a little blue eyed boy stopping at the home of Dr. R. L. Davis.

Several young people gathered at the home of Mr. A. L. Caldwell Sunday night and spent a few hours in pleasant conversation and singing.

We attended the last meeting of the literary society at Pleasant Grove, and acknowledge a cordial invitation to "come again."

Mr. Tom Wright, after spending a few weeks with home folks, has returned to Memphis to resume his medical studies.

Miss Jimmie Stanford visited relatives in Farmersville and Culleoka last week.

Miss Dunson, from Eastern Texas, is visiting her uncle, Mr. John Smith.

Mr. Sydney Cummings returned from a visit to Eastern Texas reeently, accompanied by his fair young bride. They have our best wishes for a pleasant sail on matrimony's sea.

Mr. Sam Graves and family, of Pilot Point, are visiting relatives here this week.

Robert Caldwell and family visited his parents, west of McKinney, last week.

Louis Craver and wife, of Culleoka, visited Grandma Watson Sunday.

Miss Hovie Hill, of Rowlett, is visiting her uncle, Mr. Will Evans.

Prof. Chance visited relatives in Anna Christmas week.

We will close by wishing THE DEMOCRAT and its many readers a Happy New Year.

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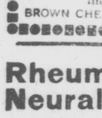

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General News.

Col. Thomas W. Knox, a noted war correspondent, is dead.

John Cotes was killed by a H. & T. C. train on the 11th inst.

Mercur, an Utah mining town, was entirely swept away by fire last week.

Rev. Thomas Dixon Jr., the noted New York divine, preached in Dallas Sunday.

Davis Godley, a 15-year old negro boy, was cremated in his home at Sandy Point, Texas, last week.

W. Gordon Keene was arrested at Belton last week on an indictment preferred against him thirteen years ago.

Abraham Smart, a 17-year old negro, has confessed to murdering a peddler at Moroe, Louisiana, a few days ago.

Miss Allie Vickery had a hand badly mangled at Waxahachie by the explosion of a cannon fire cracker.

J. C. S. Blackburn was renominated for United States senator by the democrats of Kentucky on 10th inst.

In a local option contest last week, Whitney went dry by a small majority.

Joe Ward a 12-year old negro boy was placed in jail at Paris, Texas, on the 10th inst., on the charge of murder.

A. W. Mathis, county surveyor of Wharton county, Texas, was murdered at Matagorda last week,

John T. Freeman died on the 11th inst while riding in a surrey between Temple and Belton.

The jumbo or 13th congressional district of Texas contains 80 counties.

At Tuskegee, Ala., Freeman Collins, colored, was executed on the 11th inst. for wife murder.

Patrick Morris, a white man, and his negro wife were burned by a mob near New Orleans Saturday night.

William Patterson, colored, was hanged at New Iberia, La., on the 11th inst., for the murder of a woman.

The wheels of a wagon ran over a 3-year old negro child at Barton Tex., Sunday, fracturing its skull, but at last report it was still alive,

David, William and George McKisson, three brothers, were fatally injured by an explosion of dynamite with which they were playing Sunday in Pennsylvania.

At a dance near Sheridan, Oklahoma, one night last week a young man addressed a young lady in an indecent manner. She went to a buggy near by, got a whip and while her brother held him she gave the ruffian a well-deserved threshing.

John Wilkins was given a death sentence at Cleburne, Johnson county, for the murder of Quince Taylor, a bachelor. The killing was done Oct 31, 1895. The condemned man said that the punishment was light as he expected a life sentence.

With much difficulty a mob was restrained from stringing up Dr. Eugene Logan, a prominent dentist of McMinnville, Tenn., on the 11th inst, for alleged assault upon a little 11-year-old girl, in his office.

DISSOLUTION.

Jan. 1, 1896.

The firm of Dowell, Field & Love is this day dissolved by mutual consent,

Either of the partners are authorized to make settlements or adjust outstanding bills due the firm.

Thanking the public for the liberal patronage given us and earnestly request a continuance of the same to our successor, J. S. Dowell, who continues the same line at the same old stand, where the old firm retains an office.

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How They'll Confiscate.

The Kaufman Sun continues to garble the utterances of Judge Nugent with an abandon that bids defiance to the fate of Ananias and Sapphera; and, if we were to argue from this, the infidelity of the Sun, our premises would have more foundation than any the Sun builds upon, to show that Judge Nugent advocated confiscation of land.

Under the title "How They'll Confiscate," the Sun, in its last issue says:

"The McKinney Democrat denies that Judge Nugent ever said anything that can be construed into meaning that he favored the commonality of land."

Yes, we said that. But we did not have in mind the hair-splitting proclivity of the professional perverter of plain English, who delights rather in the far fetched meaning that CAN be evolved out of the disconnected parts of an address, rather than in such plain statements as the following from Judge Nugent's Dallas address, from which, while the sun quotes so liberally, it as completely ignores as if it were not there, and yet we dare the Sun to deny that it is there. Here it is: "I DON'T WANT SOME DEMOCRATIC LIAR TO GO OUT AND SAY THAT I AM OPPOSED TO THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND. I BELIEVE IN THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND AND MONOPOLIZATION OF LAND FOR PERSONAL USES, but monopolization of land for speculative purposes has grown to such proportions that it should have legislative regulation."

Again; in his opening speech at Grand View occurs language of similar import, but no where one syllable of that passage containing, "in a much more direct and easy way than by purchase," which the Sun charges to have been uttered in that speech, and quotes in evidence of Judge Nugent's views on the way land should be confiscated, Here again we challenge the Sun to publish that passage in connection with its context, which when he shall have done he knows will give it a meaning opposite to that he seeks to put upon it.

Why is it necessary for the Sun to look around for passages disconnected by their contexts to vindicate the truth, (if indeed this is what he is looking for) when such passages as the following are before his eyes, uttered for the express purpose of defining the party's political opinions on these questions! In his Grand View opening Judge Nugent in defining the populist position says

"Now, no populist advocates the policy of destroying land titles, nor do they favor the subdivision of property nor limitation of land ownership, but they recognize the fact that the acquisition or monopolization of larger bodies of land for speculative purposes only, is a great evil for which a remedy ought to be found."

It will hardly be denied that candor at least would require, that the Sun quote the foregoing passages along with the disconnected phrases it strings together to carry its point, when it makes its demagogic appeal to the 'honest' farmers and asks, "How they would like to see their lands confiscated and divided out among those who have idled their time away."

It is not denied that Judge Nugent was a single taxer, and in his Dallas speech to which the Sun refers, he says: "I am personally in favor, of some sort of exemption from taxes of all improvements on land up to a certain valuation. Tax the unimproved land, so it will be a burden to carry and it will be an incentive to men to improve their lands to this degree. This is only my personal view of the question. The populist platform has nothing in it like this and what I say does not come as a party utterance."

It is just as well to ask the Sun who, but democratic congressmen was it, in the tariff debate, that so arranged their speeches as to address only a few remarks to the chair, and then have spread upon the congressional record, page after page of the works of Henry George, the founder of the single tax theory? This was done that the single tax theory might be distributed out at government expense as good democratic campaign literature in 1892. And yet the Sun is now holding out its lily white hand in holy horror, that another party even so remotely tinctured with this theory, that its leader in speaking of it expressly states it is only his personal view, and not in any way a part of the platform or views of the populist party. It would be gratifying to THE DEMOCRAT if the Sun would think seriously and deal candidly with these questions which in the end must be settled by a strict adherence to the truth and an honest investigation, free from partisan deceit and bigotry.

The Sun, like THE DEMOCRAT, is an advocate of the money of the constitution, a financial system that will free the farmer and the laboring classes from the iron heel of the despotism of capital and the great usury combines. It is hardly hoped that the silver element of the democratic party will even eventually succeed in forcing its views on the convention. Even if it does, it has not the remotest chance of election and the republican party with its gold standard, its extravagance and disregard of the interests of the South and West, will again hold the reins of government.

What does partisanism mean in a case like this? On this mad clamor for party fealty above principle, this idiotic partisan bigotry is the dependence for success of that class in both the old parties, whose every move is to cement once for all, and irrevocably bind this country to the gold standard.

Why, in the face of this, the Sun antagonizes the noble patriots and voters of this reform party is strange, unless it is from a misunderstanding of its principles. Did it ever occur to the Sun that there can possibly be no harmony between advocates of free coinage and the gold standard, and that the latter do not pretend that they will be governed by a convention declaration for anything less than the gold standard? Again: Has it ever occurred to the Sun that that great barrier, prejudice, has ever stood as a monument almost insurmountable to every man weary with the corruption of his own party, and held him loyal even after hope had almost died within him, which but recites the history of thousands now on the brink of desertion from the old parties? When such men as these forsake party allegiance for a new party, does the Sun mean to say that it is not with patriotic motives; that it is not a union of reformers heart and soul banded together for the good of all, and not a lot of demagogues and office seekers whose success would be a public calamity?

Culleoka Heard From.

Culleoka, Tex., Jan. 10, 1896.

Will Burgess is on the sick list this week.

Mr. John George, of Vineland, is building in our community and contemplates moving soon.

We welcome to our midst Messrs Davis and Robinson, of Nevada, who will make this their home.

Steve Hobbins is having the land north of his house cleared, which is a great improvement.

Mr. Hobbins had turkey for dinner Sunday; the wind being in the wrong direction several friends dropped in for dinner. They were Messrs, Snavely, Farley, George, Miller and Ledbetter.

Mat Snavely spent Friday in Copeville. JOHN.

Gen. Sam Houston In McKinney.

"Reading that article in the News of last Tuesday," remarked W. S. McDuffie of McKinney to Round About, "in which A. J. Houston suggests keeping up fires in the courthouse for homeless poor to warm by, reminded me forcibly of his father. Gen. Sam Houston was a man of deep philanthropic feeling. His strongest impulses were in the direction of benevolence. He, like his son, believed in helping those that are unable to help themselves. He was a lover of his kind, as those who knew him best are well aware. I knew him at Huntsville when we both lived there years ago. The last speech I ever heard him make was delivered in McKinney in August or September of 1857, during the heated gubernatorial campaign between himself and Hardin R. Runnels. Louis T. Wigfall, Runnels' champion, and Sam Houston made a thorough canvass of the state that year together, holding joint discussions in all the principle cities and towns of Texas. The most available place for the speaking in McKinney was found to be the new and unfinished residence of Dr. G. A. Foote. About 250 men composed the audience, which was a good sized one for that day and time in Collin county. Political excitement ran high and a bitter partisan feeling was prevalent. Houston requested me, as a special personal favor, to bring a pitcher of water for him, and to be sure to draw it from the well and bring it myself. He seemed to have so little confidence in his bitter partisan enemies as to fear that some of them were malicious enough to put some nauseating drug in it that would render him too sick to be able to speak, and thus give Wigfall full sway with none to reply to him. Houston was by far the more popular man in our section, however."—Dallas News.

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